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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the first Office Action, dated August 10, 2007 (*Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time*, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and requisite extension fee of \$230.00 (small entity) being concurrently remitted via EFT), please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated on the following pages: